Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know why such a long time is being taken even for this partial work?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar: In the Tiruvalla taluk there are about 150 miles to be demarcated and in the Pathanamthitta taluk there are about 169 miles to be demarcated.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know whether any remission has taken place after this survey?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar: No, Sir.

District and Munsiffs' Courts, Trivandrum.

3. ***Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the District Courts and Munsiffs' Courts in Trivandrum are housed in thatched, old and ill-ventilated buildings;

(*b*) whether valuable records are ordinarily kept in these buildings;

(*c*) whether the buildings are insured against fire; and

(*d*) whether any steps have being taken to house these courts in suitable buildings?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*). (*a*) All the court houses except the Temporary Second Judge's Court, are housed in thatched buildings some of which are old; but none of them is ill-ventilated.

(*b*) Records are kept in the record room which is tiled. Current records are placed in the respective court houses.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.

Mr. James Fletcher: With reference to the answer to part (*d*) of the question, may I know how long the question has been under consideration?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: All that I can say is that it has been under consideration for some time. I cannot say the number of days or months during which it has been under consideration.

Mr. James Fletcher: May I know when he expects to come to a conclusion?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: That relates to future action.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether lawyers experience considerable difficulty on account of the court houses being situated in different parts of the town?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: That is not a supplementary question, Sir.

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Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: In answer to part (*d*), it has been stated that Government are considering the question of housing these courts in suitable buildings. I am asking whether Government will bear this factor also in mind.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Government will bear that in mind.

Roads in the Vazhuthacaud Ela to the south of the Observatory Hill.

4. ***Mr. V. Sankara Menon** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any paddy fields in this area now and whether all of them have not long since been converted into cocoanut gardens and house sites;

(*b*) whether this locality is now thickly inhabited mostly by poor people living in huts, that the place gets water-logged during rainy seasons and that its general condition is one of insanitation;

(*c*) whether there are any roads in this area and that, in spite of their absence, there is a good deal of pedestrian traffic across the locality especially after the opening of the new Public Offices to the west of the Observatory Hill;

(*d*) whether the inhabitants of Vazhuthacaud have submitted petitions to Government praying for the removal of the unsatisfactory condition of this locality situated in about the centre of the town and so close to the public institutions;

(*e*) whether the petitioners have also urged the imminent necessity of opening two roads to cross each other in this area for the benefit of the people who have to go to the new Public Offices, the Museum and the other public institutions, and what action has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(*f*) whether this area has been included in the Town Planning Scheme and what steps have been taken by Government towards the improvement of the locality in furtherance of the scheme?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes. All the fields in this area have not been converted into cocoanut gardens and house sites.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No, except the drainage roads recently formed but there is considerable pedestrian traffic.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. An estimate for a road from Vazhuthacaud Timber Depot to Public Library is under scrutiny in the Chief Engineer's Office.

(*f*) Yes. The question of opening a road in the area is under consideration.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: In answer to part (*f*), Government say that the question of opening a road in this area is under

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